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FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/ZIPPER

SPECIFIC— Meetings with General HEUSINGER

1. General HEUSINGER and wife spent approximately three weeks in Bad Tolz during March 1953. He was sent there for rest and recuperation. Apparently the BLANK Office planning activities and the major controversy between BONIN and KIELMANNSEGG (a disciplined army of soldiers versus eight-hour-a-day uniformed civilians) had become quite a strain and he was ordered to rest and relax. He left Bad Tolz sound and healthy and in fighting spirit.

2. During his stay in Bad Tolz I visited him on several occasions and on 18 March until 21 March he and his wife were my house guests, during which time [] had us all, including the Wetmore's, to dinner. This period offered an excellent opportunity to hear his opinion on a number of interesting points and also served to build up a closer relationship which should prove to be a future KUBARK asset.

3. HEUSINGER stated he was kept informed of all governmental and BLANK Office activities by the mails and also visits by BONIN and other members of his planning staff. The more interesting statements made by HEUSINGER were:

- (a) French Ratification: They will delay ratification until after elections in June, and if successful in this tactic, will then state it is too close to German elections to ratify before France determines the outcome of the future German government.

BIDAULT is described as "the successor and predecessor of SCHUMAN." He will not survive and is drinking himself sick.

- (b) Rome Conference: ADENAUER was briefed on the entire military situation by HEUSINGER prior to his departure; and, contrary to statements by France that the Soviet and satellite military situation was exaggerated, he claims they were the cold hard facts.

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- (c) Attitude of British: In his opinion the British attitude towards German participation in the defense of Europe can be summed up as follows:
- (1) They want Germany to participate in a European defense structure;
 - (2) They are opposed to EDC in its present concept. They want to see the establishment of national armies formed into a European military coalition;
 - (3) They do not want German military preponderance in Europe in any form;
 - (4) They want to establish harmonious relations with the USSR.
- (d) Supreme Court decision re constitutionality: ADENAUER most likely will obtain Bundesrat approval of the treaties. He may avoid the constitutionality question for the present. The only item in the treaties where the question of basic law comes into conflict is the conscription of Germans. The Chancellor may demur on the draft portion at this time and concentrate on the build up of cadres of volunteers as the nucleus of contingents and equipping and training this force. If this step is successful, the question of conscription will be delayed for the time being and HEUSINGER is further of the opinion that the draft clause will have much better chance of being accepted after nucleus forces are available.
- (e) Intelligence and ZIPPER: Wallop discussed UTILITY's concept of intelligence operational control with emphasis on evaluation as opposed to controlled operations and sources. HEUSINGER does not agree with UTILITY's concept and likened it to an antiquated military doctrine of ordering a mission and issuing the means to a regimental or tactical commander and leaving him to decide how best to accomplish the mission with no higher headquarters control and direction. HEUSINGER did state that on occasions one might accept full confidence of a leader of a group and not expect full operational and source control beyond this leader, provided there was confidence that this subordinate leader properly exercised the operational and source control.

CAPOTE material passed to the BLANK Office is sent to ZIPPER for evaluation. This may not be true in all cases, but HEUSINGER stated that any military situation reports he questions he passes for ZIPPER comment.

WIELAND will most likely become the German member of the EDC Army G-2. If this will not work, HEUSINGER plans to install him in the G-2 Office of the Ministry of Defense.

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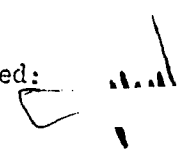
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- (f) War Criminals: HEUSINGER is pleased that some positive steps have been taken by the United States in this regard. However, he considers that some major steps must be taken to release many more before actual buildup of the German contingents. He briefed President HEUSS on the entire war criminal issue prior to the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' visit to Germany. HEUSS informed Dulles who allegedly agreed to look into the matter when he returned to the U.S. HEUSINGER will also brief ADENAUER on this matter prior to his departure for the U.S. and ask him to raise the matter again.

The Arbitration Tribunal to consider clemency for war criminals after the contractual agreement and treaties come into full force is not considered to be an adequate answer to release of the convicted criminals. HEUSINGER claims it will be too late to be effective in solving the remilitarization problem.

- (g) Near and Middle East: HEUSINGER has been in touch with General MUNZEL and Col. TECHNER of the German Mission in Egypt. Both have stated that if there is British withdrawal of their forces on the Sudan, Egypt will not be able to defend itself from any major aggressive action by an enemy force.
- (h) BLANK Visit to U.S.: HEUSINGER wants very much to accompany BLANK to the States sometime late April. BLANK will raise the following major points with U.S. authorities:
- (1) Armament for German forces. He will emphasize that distribution of armament furnished by the U.S. must be controlled by the U.S. and consigned directly to the country concerned rather than shipped to an EDC Commission for consignment. He is positive that armament shipments will be misappropriated to outside of EDC if consignments are shipped to EDC for distribution.
 - (2) The problem of GDR refugees for German contingents. This poses some serious and interesting problems, i.e. psychological asset resulting in large defections from the GDR military and paramilitary units to serve in West German contingents; potential security hazards, Soviet inspired Trojan horse, etc.

4. In conclusion, HEUSINGER's personal ambition is to become the Commanding General of the EDC Army. The EDC forces will consist of a Joint Chief of Staff headed probably by Marshall JUIN. Subordinate will be Army (probably headed by a German), Air (probably headed by an Italian) and Navy (probably headed by a Belgian or Netherlander).

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